

## House Resolution 646

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Reese of the 98<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and Knox of the 24<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Stephen Michael Merritt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Stephen Michael Merritt was born in Fulton County, Georgia, to loving parents  
3 Judge James Ray and Mary Merritt and was a lifetime resident of Buford, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a 1977 graduate of the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia,  
5 he was a highly successful member of the marketing industry and provided expert guidance  
6 and quality service to his clients and received the 1995 National Company Representative  
7 Award of the Professional Insurance Agents Association; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated and active member of the First Baptist Church of Buford  
9 where he served as a deacon and member of the adult choir and worked with the Youth  
10 Department for more than 20 years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as a member of the Buford School Board, he was an ardent supporter of the  
12 Buford Booster program, an outstanding advocate of academic excellence, and a champion  
13 of the Lady Wolves softball and basketball programs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a faithful and devoted husband to Mrs. Joye Roland Merritt, with whom  
15 he shared 25 years of marriage, proud father of Michael Elizabeth Merritt and Mary Margaret  
16 Merritt, and a beloved brother to Ms. Marilyn Elizabeth Merritt; and
- 17 WHEREAS, with the passing of Mr. Merritt, the Buford community and the State of Georgia  
18 have lost a most esteemed citizen.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body join to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mr. Stephen  
21 Michael Merritt and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Stephen
- 3 Michael Merritt.